How to Drive & Survive in the Snow
Public Safety
&
International Student Services
- Officer J. Griffin
Who are you??

- Jake Griffin
- RIT Public Safety
  - Road Patrol
  - Crime Prevention Officer
- IDS / NCPC Certified
- Netflix Enthusiast

I don’t know who you are, I don’t know who you’re supposed to be.
Baby it’s cold out there

THE ENEMY

Quick Questions

- Who has seen snow?
- Who has experienced snow?
- What do you expect winters in Rochester are like?
Winters in Rochester NY

Winter Can Be Fun

- Beautiful
- Snowball Fights
- Snow caves
- Ski / Snowboard
- Show off winter clothes
- Not hot
Winter driving in Rochester
Temperature & Snow

**Temperature**
- Below 25 F Degrees
- Below 10 Degrees
- Negatives

**Snow**
- Light Snows
- Packed Snow
- Heavy Snow
Step 1: Winterize Vehicle

- Tires
- Brakes
- Battery
- Windshield Wipers
- Emergency Kit
Step 2: Emergency Kit

- Extra Winter Clothes
  - Jacket
  - Hat
  - Gloves
  - Scarf
- Blanket
- Water

- Snow Brush
- Cat Litter
- Extended Snow Shovel
- Flashlight
- Food
- Flares
Step 3: Snow’s Falling

DRESS APPROPRIATELY

- Winter Jacket
- Winter Hat
- Winter Gloves
- Winter Boots
- Winter Scarf
Step 4: Start of a Journey

DO NOT RUSH
PLAN AHEAD
 Check the weather
 Give yourself an extra 30 minutes
 Make sure you have everything

Once outside...
 Start the vehicle and turn on defrost (do not lock yourself out)
 Scrape all the ice and brush all the snow off
 Kick the snow from the tires
Step 5: Begin Driving

- Headlights on (IDC what time of day)
- Heater & Defrost on if still snowing
- Follow at a two pole length
- Drive slowly and drive in the path
Step 6: Slip & Slide

- If you are slipping and sliding, you may be driving in bad conditions, unplowed road, or traveling too fast.
- Release the brakes and the accelerator.
- **Counter steer**
  - Turn the wheel in the direction that the rear of the car is sliding (try not to overcorrect).
- Pull over in a safe area.
Stuck on the road or parking lot

**Parking Lot**
- Dig yourself out with shovel
- Use cat litter for traction
- Have someone push you (rock it)

**Road**
- Set up flares
- Dig out & Cat Litter
- Have someone push
- Call Triple AAA or Public Safety
Winter Prep – General

- Always watch the weather – Storms can pop up out of nowhere
- Account for Wind Chill
- Check your email constantly (Class Cancelled)
- Do not be afraid to cancel or not go
- Watch out for pedestrians walking in road
- Always dress warm and have a cell phone
On & Off Campus – Off Road Accident (Do’s)

- Make sure everyone is okay
- Contact Public Safety (Injured or not)
- We will come and assist with calling tow company / injuries
- Make sure everyone is okay
- Contact 911 if injuries or need assistance
- Set up flares
- Contact Tow Company
On & Off Campus – Off Road Accident (Do not)

- **Do not get out of the vehicle into the road in a snow storm**

If you do leave the vehicle, hang a towel or shirt out of the window

**Leaving the Vehicle**
Contacts

- Public Safety
  - 585-475-3333 (P)
  - 585-205-8333 (T)
- TigerSafe App
- BlueLight Phones

- Off Campus
  - 12 Corners Towing
    - 585-473-3000
- AAA
  - Buy Membership